

ABSTRACT

A sweetener is provided which is an agglomerate of an intense sweetener and a carrier such the sweetener has a bulk density from 0.18 to 0.50 g./cc. The sweetener fills a readily recognizable package while using a smaller amount of carrier and having the same amount of sweetness. The sweetener is less hygroscopic than if the intense sweetener and carrier were merely mixed. The sweetener does not cake together. The sweetener may contain, for example, 35 parts of soluble aspartame, 40 parts of maltodextrin having 10 Dextrose Equivalent (DE), and 925 parts of dextrose, where the aspartame, maltodextrin and dextrose are agglomerated. The agglomeration technique may be to introduce the ingredients and spray water to control the particle size to affect uniform free flowing powder. The agglomeration technique may also be a conveyor type steam agglomerator.